External Reviews of the Intelligence Community

Summary

This compilation of 28 surveys, investigations and studies concerning the intelligence community includes only those directed and carried out by authorities external to the intelligence community. They range in time from 1948 to the present, in magnitude of effort from one-man studies to major Government commissions, and in scope from single agencies or departments to the entire intelligence community.

Not included in this listing are an equal or greater number of studies and surveys carried out wholly within the intelligence community or within individual agencies. These generally were intended to be self-examinations of major systems, functions or organizations for purposes of making improvements.

The principal observation enabled by a review of the actions reported is that the intelligence community, in whole or in part, has been the subject of almost continuous study, review and oversight by elements of Congress and the Executive Branch ever since the current community structure started evolving after World War II.

Added to these efforts are other audits, hearings, and testimonies far too numerous to mention over the same time span, and involving at one time or another all elements and organizations within the intelligence community.

The entry in parentheses at the end of each item represents the custodian of the report.